

HOUSE RESOLUTION 199

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Richard Woodard on his forty years in business at Lebanon Distributing Company.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this General Assembly should honor those citizens who, in their years of industry, have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, Richard Woodard is one such individual, who will celebrate on July 1, 2009, the fortieth anniversary of his partnership in Lebanon Distributing Company, Incorporated, a farming and building supplier; and

WHEREAS, in 1968, Carl Woodard and E.B. Woodard established Lebanon Distributing Company, which was originally located in a small rented building at 1400 West Main Street in Lebanon; and

WHEREAS, on July 1, 1969, while still serving in the United States Air Force, Richard Woodard acquired a stake in Lebanon Distributing; when he received his discharge from the service on March 20, 1970, Mr. Woodard left immediately for the company offices, arriving for work the very next day; and

WHEREAS, just over a year later, on July 1, 1971, Lebanon Distributing Company moved to a new location at 804 Carthage Highway, where it remains today; and

WHEREAS, in 1981, Richard Woodard and Carl Woodard jointly purchased E.B. Woodard's sizeable stake in the concern, and in 1985, Richard Woodard secured all of Carl Woodard's interest in Lebanon Distributing; and

WHEREAS, a new partnership was formed in 2003 when Richard Woodard's nephew, Lee Petross, bought a portion of Lebanon Distributing Company; and

WHEREAS, the success of such businesses is due in no small part to family ownership and the allegiance that Tennesseans characteristically show their homegrown business concerns; the people of this State are especially proud of such enterprises; and

WHEREAS, Richard Woodard exemplifies the spirit and commitment that are the embodiment of a true Tennessean, and he should be duly recognized for his contributions to the commerce and prosperity of this State; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and congratulate Richard Woodard on his forty years in business at Lebanon Distributing Company and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.